Industrial units processing fruits and vegetables

3447. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units for processing fruits and vegetables in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has received any proposal for setting up such units in the areas like Sorbhog, Howly, Barpeta Road, Kharupetia, etc. in Assam;

(c) whether Government is aware that some fruit and vegetable processing units in these areas are being closed;

(d) if so, whether Government has any policy to revive such units; and

(e) the details of present policy of Government with regard to processing units of fruits and vegetables in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) As per the data maintained by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 5166 fruits and vegetables processing units were licensed under Fruit Products Order (FPO),1955 in the country as on 01.01.2009. State-wise fruit and vegetable processing units are given in the Statement *(See* below).

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has received some proposals from areas like Kamrup, Karimganj District of Assam for financial assistance for setting up of fruit and vegetable processing units during 11th Plan. The data on functioning of food processing industries/units in the country, including that in the State of Assam is not centrally maintained by MFPI. MFPI has no specific scheme/policy for revival of sick fruit and vegetable processing units. However, Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has been implementing various schemes for promotion and development of food processing industries in the country. MFPI through its various schemes for financial assistance and other promotional measures, facilitates creation of food related infrastructure including processing facilities aimed at reducing wastages, enhancing value addition and increasing shelf life. The Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/ Modernisation of Food Processing Industries is aimed at creation of new processing capacity and up-gradation of existing processing capabilities, modernization of Fruit & Vegetables units.

Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernization/Establishment of Food Processing Industries, MFPI extends financial assistance to food processing industries including fruit and vegetable processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakh in general area or 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakh in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir,

Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A&N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas. In addition, under the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern and Himalayan States, higher levels of assistance @ 50% upto maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore for setting up and Rs. 1.00 crore for Upgradation of fruit and vegetables processing is available. A National Horticulture Mission (NHM) has been launched with an objective to boost the horticulture sector.

Statement

State-wise fruit and vegetable processing units (licensed under FPO 1955) as on 01.01.2009.

S.No.	Name of State	No. of units
1	2	3
1.	Delhi	209
2.	Chandigarh	10
3.	Rajasthan	106
4.	Haryana	166
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	77
6.	Punjab	230
7.	Himachal Pradesh	116
8.	Uttar Pradesh	485
9.	Uttaranchal	129
10.	Maharashtra	1048
11.	Goa	42
12.	Madhya Pradesh	113
13.	Chhattisgarh	6
14.	Gujarat	305
15.	Dadra Nagar Havali & Daman Diu	7
16.	Andhra Pradesh	296
17.	Karnataka	328
18.	Kerala	445
19.	Tamil Nadu	544
20.	Pondicherry	9
21.	West Bengal	308
22.	Jharkhand	28

1	2	3
23.	Bihar	43
24.	Orissa	20
25.	Andaman & Nicobar	2
26.	Assam	46
27.	Meghalaya	10
28.	Sikkim	4
29.	Arunachal Pradesh	2
30.	Mizoram	3
31.	Tripura	7
32.	Manipur	16
33.	Nagaland	6
34.	Lakshadweep Islands	0
	TOTAL	5166

Source: Food Safety & Standards Authority of India

Wastage of fruits

3448. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that though the country has a top position in the production of horticultural products, the extent of fruit processing is below 2 per cent;

(b) whether Government is going to take up a special programme in enhancing fruit processing to restrain the wastage of fruits produced by hard toil of farmers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The level of processing of fruits & vegetables in the country is estimated at 2.20%. The low level of fruit and vegetable processing is due to non-availability of processable varieties of raw materials at right quantity and quality, seasonable nature of industry, lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure such as lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage facilities etc. However, over the last few years, there has been a positive growth in fruit and vegetable processed products such as ready-to-serve beverages, fruit juices and pulps, dehydrated and frozen fruits and vegetable products, tomato products, pickle, convenience veg-spice pastes, processed mushrooms and curried vegetables. As per the data maintained by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the installed capacity of fruits and vegetables processing units (FPO licensed units) has increased from 26.38 lakh tones as on 01.01.08 to 30.89 lakh tones as on 01.01.09.